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HE BOUGHT THE WITNESSES.

Theodore and Charles Caston Tell of a Speculation Which Failed.

PERJURY FOR A \$100 NOTE.

Odds and Ends-Absinthe-Drinking Wanted, a Home-Police Court -Other Local Matter.

Gross Perjury.

The latest and perhaps most sensational phase of the celebrated Gross perjury case transpired yesterday afternoon in the United States court.

It may be remembered that quite recently a suit was tried in the United States court in which Peter Gross was the plaintiff and the Union Pacific the defendant. Gross sued for \$10,000 damages on account of the killing of his son three years ago by being run over by a freight train. The plaintiff had adduced on his side several witnesses who testified that they had seen the brakeman kick young Gross off the train. Among this number were Charles Wasserman and Theodore and Charles Caston, and James Gross, another son of Peter Gross. Their testimony was so strongly contradictory of other and more reliable testimony that it was concluded that the witnesses for the plaintiff had been guilty of perjury. Accordingly both of the Caston boys, Charles Wasserman, Peter and James Gross were placed under arrest charged with perjury. The two latter were released on bail.

Yesterday morning it developed that Gross and his son fearing prosecution, had left town for the purpose, as they said, of going to Chadron to get witnesses. The supposition is, however, that they will never return until this storm, at least, has blown over. Judge Dundy yesterday issued a capais for the arrest of father and son, and declared the bail of the two for-The bondsman is one Lesch, a brother-in-law of Gross, who lives in

1Yesterday afternoon both of the Caston boys were brought into court and ar-raigned for trial. United States Distriet Attorney Lambertson stated that both of the boys had concluded to plead guilty and read an affidavit which he had procured from them to the effect that they had committed perjury in testifying as they did at the not see Mike Gross knocked off the train which had run over and killed him, but had seen the boy shortly after he was picked up and removed to the house of Mrs. Queaicy. Shortly after that they were approached by Peter Gross, father of the dead boy, who offered them \$100 apiece if they would testify that they had seen Mike kicked off the train. This offer was made with the condition that the This offer was made with the condition that the money was to be paid as soon as Gross received the amount he sought from the Union Pacific. As Gross failed to win the suit failed and the boys never repeived their money.

room. The jury speedily returned a ver-dief of guilty and the two Caston boys Beemed to feel relieved. Judge Dundy abnounced that he would reserve the sentence until some future time. The penalty, he said, would not be one-quarter as severe as it would have been had they been convicted after pleading not said. victed after pleading not guilty. With regard to the case of Charles

push the prosecution. He had talked with him and had come to the conclusion that he was irrational and irresponsible for what he did.

The old man was accordingly released

on his own recognizance to appear if wanted again. Peter Gross will be arrested if possible and brought before the next grand jury charged with subornation of perjury.

HARD PICKING.

Judge Stenberg Does Much Work, but Fails to Find a Dollar.

"Business is pretty dall yesterday," signed Judge Stenberg yesterday as the reporters gathered about him, after he had finished his morning docket. "I have just waded through a whole page of cases and haven't found enough money in the crowd to pay a tine of \$1 and costs."

John Summers was tried for petitlarceny

John is one of the most inveterate thieves in the city. He was sent up to jail a few days ago for stealing a lot of caps. He had just been released from this sentence when he entered a boarding house, a day or two ago, and stole a coat and pocket book containing \$2. He was arrested Monday night and lodged in jail. Here his thicking propensities asserted themselves again. He saw a fellow lying asleep on a bench in the same cell with him, on whose finger was a diamond ring. forthwith appropriated the ring. He was engaged in pulling another ring off the same finger, when the owner awoke, discovered the loss of his ring and compelled Summers to give it up. For this double crime Judge Stenberg sentenced Summers to a term of thirty days in the

Two drunks were fined \$5 and costs and committed, and two more were re-leased. W. Sheridan, charged with vagrancy, was sentenced to ten days in jail, and Tom Sullivan, John Gallagher, Chas. Reilly were each given thirty days.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Stray Leaves From the Reporters Note Buok.

"Look at my Christmas present," said a Farnam street merchant to a BEE reporter yesterday, as he showed a box containing about a thousand eigar stumps. "My wife has picked these up in house after I have care-left them half-smoked upon my table or on a window-sill. During the year she has been quietly picking up the stumps, and here's the result. At a retail valuation these represent \$150 squandered. It's opened my eyes, and I tell you I'm going to smoke my eigars to the end after this."

"Can you tell me when the county commissioners are going to decide which of the hospital plans they will select?" asked a merchant yesterday. "They have been working on the matter for months back and seem no nearer scleeting the best plan than they were one month ago. I understand that the board is pretty well divided in its opinions, and if they do not soon give some evidence of desiring to harmonize. I very much fear that their motives will begin to be ques-

"I have an idea," said County Com missioner elect Mount yesterday. "It is this," he continued, seeing that a BEE man standing near was preparing to take notes on the strange phenomenon which

no lit place for such an establishment. Now I would like to know why the city couldn't purebase that building and turn it into an hospital for the treatment of all city cases. There are plenty of rooms in the building which could be further subdivided if necessary and the structure could be made into a first class hospital It would have the advantage of being centrally located, too. I would like to see the BEE boom this scheme."

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WANTED-A HOME.

What is Being Done for a Hospital for the Needy.

A reporter for the BEE met Mr. Nathan Merriam yesterday and learned from him, that, so far as he knew, no donation other than that of \$4,000, which was made by the latter, had yet been received toward erecting a home for the friendless in this city. His donation, he said, was made with the understanding that \$30,000 would be raised with which to erect a home which would be to accommodate the unfortunate, who are always to be found in a city of this size. So far as he knew, nothing had been done to raise this fund, but he hoped the work would soon be undertaken and meet with the hearty co-operation of the wealthy and charitable people of the city. In the event of the failure to raise the sum specified, Mr. Merriam's donation will

revert to the donor.

The nucleus of the home is now located in the frame building on Farnam street, supported by contributions raised by the charitable ladies of the Woman's Chrisian association, the president of which is Mrs. P. L. Perrine. Since its establishment, some years ago, the association has done a great deal of good, and is still doing it, though it has to strive against the difficulty of pecuniary want in nearly every instance. The rent of the house in which the home is maintained is thirty-five dollars per month. Formerly this rental was paid by the city. At the last meeting of that body, arrears of rent amounting to \$200, were ordered of rent amounting to \$200, were ordered paid, and at the same time, it was decided, to hereafter allow the association to pay its own rent. This, of course, will restrict the power of the organization to carry on its work. For a long time, it has been the hope of the members that the city would donate one of the lots which it owns for the purpose of erecting a home thereon but in to the present a home thereon, but up to the present time, the hope has not been realized.

"Not the Fastest." Speaking of the fast time, made Mon-

which, it was claimed, was the fastest on record, a railroad man, yesterday said to a reporter for the BEE: That is a mistake. Monday's run was not the fastest made on the Union Pacific. Better time was made several years ago, when the Jarrett & Palmer train made its phenomenally rapid trip across the conti-nent. On one part of the Union Pacific road that train made seventy-five miles in seventy-seven minutes, which is a faster rate and a much better avarage

than that of Monday. Merchants Hotel, Omaha, Nat Brown, Prop. \$2 per day. Cor. 15th and Farnam. All street cars from depot pass house.

Remembered by Friends.

Mr. L. R. Bolles, city passenger agent of the Chicago & Northwestern road, whose return with his bride has been mentioned in the BEE, was made the recipient of a number of handsome and useful wedding presents by his friends. His associates in the railway business presented him with a beautiful marble clock with bronze ornamentation. His friends at his boarding place presented him with a magnificent easy chair and a host of other friends visited him with a number of other kindly mementoes.

C. K. of A. At the last election of the St. Leo branch, 295, C. K. of A., the following gentlemen were selected for the ensuing year: Spiritual director, Rev. G. J. Glauber: president, Thomas H. Cotten; vice president, J. A. Linahan; recording secretary, J. E. Roach; Financial secretary, John McGovern; treasurer, Andrew Murphy; sergeant-at-arms. Richard Mul-ien; sentinel, Phihp Pleiss; trustee, Peter

Bugger, Elkborn Traveling Club. The traveling men in the northern part of the state have organized a club with the above name and the following offi-cers: J. B. Higdan, president; W. W. Lillie, vice president; A. B. Brown, secre-tary; P. K. Coleman, treasurer.

They have opened rooms at Norfolk, and will meet there on the second Sun-

day in January. Wants to Fight. Pat Killen, who is more or less of : pugilist, has heard of the glove business which has lately been attracting atten-tion in the city, has written to Ed Roth-ery stating that he will come to Omaha, if necessary, and light with anybody who

may desire to stand up before him. J. L. Brandeis' Smoking Set. J. L. Brandeis, the well-known Thirteenth street dry goods man was presented on Christmas by his employes with a magnificent smoking set as a testimony of the appreciation in which they have held him for a long time back.

Gridley's Absence. Mr. F. P. Gidley, the gentleman in charge of the money-order of the postoffice, for the first time in many months, was absent from his post, yesterday because of sickness.

The Old Wires Go. The old electric light wires which run east and west in the alley between Farnam and Douglas streets are being taken down and replaced with new ones.

Licensed Watchmaker for the U. P. C. S. RAMYOND, Douglas and 15th. Railway Co Almost Half a Ton. John H. Craig, the heaviest man alive

weighing 838 pounds, is in the city, and will be on exhibition coon.

THE ABSINTHE HABIT.

Something About a Dangerous Drink -Vermuth. "Absinthe-drinking? Yes, there is plenty of it in Omaha," said a bartender in a Douglas street resort to a reporter last night. "In fact, from what I can see, I believe the habit is extending in prevalence. It is really a French habit, and, of course, is most common among drinkers of that nationality. Still, quite a number of Americans indulge in the habit, and as 1 already said, I believe that number is increasing. What is absinthe? Welt that is a queer question for

you to ask. I have seen it defined as a liquor much used in France, prepared from alcohol mixed with volatile oil of wormwood, oil of anise and other ingredients. It has a peculiar intoxicating effect, which is due to the oil of wormwood, the state resulting from its use being very different from alcoholic poisoning. Trembling, vertigo, fearful dreams

and epileptic convulsions are among its Then the absinthe habit is worse than

the liquor habit?"

"Far worse. When a man once becomes a victim to absurthe he might as well prepare to pass in his checks, for there are ten chances to one-1 might say a hundred to one—that he will never break it off. It is a peculiarly dangerous, fascinating habit. The immediate effects of the drink are exhilarating in the ex-treme. The drinker experiences a peculiar sensation of happiness, something akin to that felt by the opium smoker. After the effects of the drink have passed off the victim is racked with horrible pains and experiences the most awful depression, which only more absinthe will relieve. Eventually, and more quickly than any other abnormal appe-tite, this habit will drive its victim into the lunatic asylum or the grave. course a man can take a drink or two of the stuff without becoming a slave to it. A good many people use it only at long intervals, to sober up after a period of debauchery. Absintne will straighten debauchery. Absintbe will straighten out a man after he has been on a spree much more quickly than anything else

'How is absinthe prepared?" "There are various ways. The most common method is that popular among the French. They pour a little absenthe into the bottom of the glass, put in a chunk of ice and then allow water to run chunk of ice and then allow water to run
into the glass through a small silver
"drip," which has but a single hole in it
and is placed over the top. By the time
the glass is nearly full, you have a milk
whitish mixture, as cold as ice. Another
way of preparing it is to put it into a
glass with pounded ice and shake it up
until it is frozen solid."

"Is absinthe ever taken straight?"

"Is absinthe ever taken straight?" "If it is I am not aware of the fact. I don't believe it is ever taken that way.

Another drink somewhat similar to absinthe is vermuth. However, it is not so exhibitating in its immediate effects, or so deadly in its ultimate consequences. The uselof vermuth, in various compounds is very common among all classes of drinkers. The Manhattan cocktail is a compound of part whisky and part vermuth. The turf cocktail is made of part gin and part vermuth, while the regular vermath cocktail is compounded of ver-muth and the other usual ingredients of

County Stationery. Charles Taylor, clerk of the county board, is busy making out estimates and lists of the amount of stationery required during the coming year by the several offices in the county building. He will learn the amount required to-day,

A Carload of Corrugated Iron. The contract for the iron work in Welshan's new mill, on Twentieth street, has been awarded to the Omaha Corru-

gated fron works, and will require a car-

Red-Fire. Some red fire powder, stowed in Goodman's wholesale drug store on Jones street, blazed up yesterday afternoon and for a time serious consequences were The fire was extinguished, however, without the aid of the department.

Shovelled a Mile. Commissioner Timme, before he could

get into town yesterday to attend the meeting of the county board, had, he claims, to shovel nearly a mile of road to make a passage for his team.

On Christmas night at 7:30 o'clock burglars broke in through a Howard street window of J. L. Brandeis' store,

but were frightened away by a clerk who was passing at the time.

Rev. Charles W. Savidge, paster of the Seward street M. E. church, and Anna L. Bloor will be married at Mansfield, Ohio, Wednesday, January 12, 1887. A reception will be held January 14 in the Seward street M. E. church. Tastily be at home to their friends and acquaintances, Wednesdays, at 1114 Saunders



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